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**Sent:** Thur 8/27/2015 5:42:18 PM  
**Subject:** FW: CLOSED media inquiry Navajo Nation and uranium mines

Nancy, I just wanted to let you know that we fielded one quick media question here in Region 9, related to the GKM incident, but it was focused on our continued abandoned uranium mine work on the Navajo Nation. Thanks!

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**From:** Keener, Bill  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 27, 2015 10:39 AM  
**To:** 'Sonja Horoshko'  
**Cc:** Zito, Kelly  
**Subject:** FW: Navajo Nation article San Juan River contamination

Sonja, Rusty forwarded your inquiry, and we followed up with our Superfund Program managers here today. Here's the answer about the uranium remediation:

Our uranium cleanup work continues and is not impacted by the spill. There may be minor scheduling conflicts over the next few weeks due to increased staff deployment, but that is a temporary situation.

Thanks, for being patient, and let us know if you need anything else.

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On Aug 26, 2015, at 4:04 PM, Sonja Horoshko <[artjuicestudio@gmail.com](mailto:artjuicestudio@gmail.com)> wrote:

Good Afternoon, Rusty. This is a follow-up email to a phone message I left for you around 3:30 MST this afternoon. I am a reporter for Four Corners Free Press, Cortez, Colorado. My editor has asked me to follow-up on the impact of the Gold King Spill on our neighboring Navajo Chapters. I have been to a few of the chapter update meetings during the past weeks and have a lot of background information already, and many interviews with local people. But there is an opportunity in the story to give some background about the USEPA's active, and continuous work on the uranium remediation projects throughout the Navajo reservation, at least a brief mention of it.

My focus question to you is on this topic. **How has the Gold King Mine event impacted the plans to continue work on the Navajo uranium remediation sites? If it has ceased during this emergency when will it begin again?**

I am on deadline today through tomorrow morning and hope to talk with you about this topic as soon as it's convenient for you.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request for information.

Sonja Horoshko

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*Word's worth: A vote to strike down language fluency raises questions. Aug 7, 2015 Sonja Horoshko, <http://fourcornersfreepress.com/?p=2668>*